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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 9 May 1951
(Room 20 - Building 13)

On Wednesday, 9 May 1951, Messrs [redacted] and [redacted] conducted experiments in SI and H between approximately 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM with [redacted] and [redacted] as volunteer subjects.

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Since this was the initial experiment or test in a continuous series, all subjects were very thoroughly briefed on the nature of the work, the methods, and, to a certain extent, the ultimate aims of the B problem. All present were cautioned as to the secrecy necessary for the experiments.

Since [redacted] and [redacted] indicated a willingness to continue after the initial briefing, a series of tests were begun to determine the suggestability and capacity of each subject. Details follow:

[redacted] started the tests by attempting the "fall back" test. This test was tried twice by [redacted] and both times [redacted] moved her feet rather than fall back toward [redacted]. However, [redacted]'s resistance was not too strong. Thereafter, [redacted] gave [redacted] the "hand clasp" test and although her hands remained somewhat locked, the clasp was not strong.

The general impression of subject is that she is possible only and may be timid or reserved because of fairly recent operation.

[redacted] attempted the tests next. On the "fall back" test, [redacted] responded quickly and completely to [redacted] instructions. After some conversation, [redacted] then gave [redacted] the "arm rising" test. [redacted] proved to be an excellent subject--raised her arm fully and during test reached an almost completely induced state. She was very slow returning from her states of concentration after the test and stated she was somewhat nervous although this condition passed off quickly.

General impression--[redacted] appears to be an excellent subject and should be capable of complete somnambulism and advanced experiment action. In this case, [redacted] and [redacted] agree that since [redacted] had reached nearly a trance state in the "arm rising", she should have been at that point induced into a complete trance.

A [REDACTED] on the "fall back" test given by [REDACTED] swayed quickly and would have fallen completely except she moved her feet. After a discussion, [REDACTED] then tried the "hand raising" test from a chair along side of [REDACTED]. She responded well to this test, but did not attain the depth of [REDACTED]. After some discussion, [REDACTED] stated she could not understand why her hand raised from the sofa arm and stated she felt that [REDACTED]'s nearness had something to do with the phenomena. [REDACTED] then moved across the room and produced again an excellent result from a distance of about 8-10 feet.

General Impression- [REDACTED] is regarded as a possible subject and if her interest can be generated may be very good material.